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| Winter | November 15 <sup>th</sup> | December 21 <sup>st</sup>  |

## **ISSUE NUMBER 115...**

As usual another great response from MD TAMSers...How great it is to issue a call for articles and what should appear in the mail... more articles! Make sure you read them all this issue as there are some great messages. Jane's work on the Ahern & Broadbent token is classic! A BIG THANKS to Jane, Bernie, Ed and Wally, we have another great issue of MD TAMS Journal...and I even have some material for the Summer issue...but I need a few more articles... My great thanks to you all for keeping us in business...  
**DO HAVE A GREAT SPRING....**

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **NEXT MEETING:**

**7 June 2008 - 11:00 AM**

**Whitman Coin Show**

**Baltimore Convention Center**

**Room - TBA**

**American Numismatic Association Convention**

**BALTIMORE – 30 July – 3 August, 2008**



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

This past weekend was our annual Maryland Token and Medal Society Swap Meet. I believe that this was our most well attended Swap Meet ever. The floor was buzzing with sales and trades. I picked up many new items for my collection and was able to get rid of a few duplicates. Beside all the tokens, medals and exnumia that was on hand for exchange, there were many opportunities to discuss collecting and hobby topics with our fellow collectors. This is how one learns more about our areas of interest. There were also those chances to see some items and discuss their background that we normally do not have the time for at regular meetings, especially at such a leisurely pace. I especially enjoyed getting a pre-publication read on an upcoming token article by Jane Sears. Thanks Jane! I really enjoy this yearly chance to discuss our hobby interests with other like-minded folks. I want to thank all those who made this a great event by coming and sharing with their fellow collectors. I especially want to thank Dot and Mill Hajek for the usual, outstanding lunch spread. I can't wait for next year's swap meet.

By the time that you read this letter, we will have had the first Baltimore Area Numismatic Coalition (BANC) show of 2008. The next two will be held at the Holiday Inn on Cromwell Bridge Road on:

Sunday 1 June 2008 9 AM – 4 PM

Sunday 5 October 2008 9 AM – 4 PM

Please do your very best to support BANC. These are great, small coin shows and are easy to get to and have free parking. The benefit to the Maryland Token and Medal Society resulting from the BANC shows has been tremendous.

By way of update, I sent a letter in late October to the Token and Medal Society as promised, to try to get their support in publishing our new Maryland Merchant Token book. We inquired if they would be willing to take on this effort as a TAMS project. We have had no reply as of this writing. I hope to hear from them soon and will let the membership know their answer. In the worst case, we can find out this summer when TAMS meets here in Baltimore during the ANA World's Fair of Money.

For those of you that are unaware, our truly outstanding Maryland Token and Medal Society Secretary, Jim Boswell, lost a brother and his mother within one week in January. On behalf of the entire membership of the Maryland Token and Medal Society, I want to pass our sincere condolences to Jim and his family. I know that many of you have already personally expressed your sympathy and I encourage all to keep the Boswell family in your thoughts and prayers.

Edward L. Craig  
President, Maryland Token and Medal Society

Minutes of the MD TAMS meeting held today in Room 301 of the Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD

I-Meeting called to order at 11:05am by President Craig with 18 members and 1 guest in attendance.

II-Minutes of last meeting (10-06-07) read by Secretary Boswell. Said minutes approved as read.

III-Treasurer's Report read by Treasurer R.W. Ruby (copy attached).

Note:Motion by D. Hirt, 2nd by W. Lenz that said treasurer's report be accepted unless/until it is audited. Motion passed.

IV-Correspondence:

(a)Secretary Boswell noted that we still haven't heard from the ANA regarding our request to hold a meeting at the 2008 ANA Convention/Show in Baltimore.

(b)Secretary Boswell said we had received several pieces of "bulk mail".

V-Committees:

(a)Journal (editor (W. Mumford) absent)):President Craig noted that articles for our Journal were always needed.

(b)Quarters Committee:No report.

(c)Book Committee:President Craig noted that a letter had been sent to TAMS concerning their possible interest in publishing a new book on MD tokens.

VI-Old Business:

(a)President Craig:1-Raffle tickets for a 2007 Silver Quarter set that had been elongated were available

2-Non silver longated quarter sets not available at this time.

VII-New Business:

(a)President Craig:1-Presented our treasurer (R.Ruby) with a check for \$2000.00 from BANC for the help our members gave at the BANC Shows (we are one of three members of BANC).

2-Noted that J. Burford deserved a lot of thanks for all of his work on our behalf (after the verbal thanks, J. Burford received a round of applause in appreciation of his work).

3-Noted several drafts of a letter concerning a "Club Medal" for the 2008 ANA Convention/Show had been made and that we needed to meet with the other "local" clubs regarding the proposed medal (there may be 4000+ medals for the various Clubs (each "Club" to have their own reverse on their medals)).

Note:(a)Motion by J. Sears, 2nd by J. Hammond that we "follow up" on this project. Discussion. (b) The motion in question was amended by J. Boswell, 2nd by R. Sears that we spend a maximum of \$400.00 on this project. The proposed amendment and 2nd was withdrawn and another amendment (by W. Stone, 2nd by R. Sears) that the maximum amount we spend on the project in question be "capped" at \$500.00. Amended motion passed. (c)Motion by R. Sears, 2nd by B. Doxzon that we do not have our own reverse put on the ANA medal in question (motion failed on a six for-7 against vote), (d)Motion by W. Lenz, 2nd by J. Hammond that we start the project in question (**this** motion passed (on a 7 for/6 against vote))

4-President Craig asked for volunteers to find out more about the project in question and report their findings at a later meeting (E. Craig, W. Lenz & M. Hajek volunteered)

November 17, 2007

Continuation of the minutes of the MD TAMS meeting held today in Room 301 of the Baltimore Convention Center:

5-President Craig reminded everyone that our annual "Swap Meet" would be held on **January 26, 2008** at the Methodist Church at Northern Pkwy. & Charles St. in Baltimore (the same place we have held the Swap Meet at for the last several years).

VIII-Announcements:

- (a)President Craig:We had won a ¼ oz Gold American Eagle at the recent MD State Coin Show/ Convention and asked what the members thought we should do with it. Motion by J. Sears, 2nd by M. Hajek that we sell the item in question and put the proceeds in our bank account. Motion passed.
- (b)J. Burford-There were machines for elongating "pennies", etc. at:Scotland Beach, Point Lookout & Battle View Market (the latter is on Sharpsburg Pike in Antietam, MD).

IX-Show & Tell:

- (a)R. Sears-Silver medals from Antietam, MD
- (b)R. Ruby-Carroll County Coin Club medals that are available.

X-Break taken so members could "stretch their legs"/view the auction lots.

XI-Auction held (R. Sears was the auctioneer, E. Craig was the "runner" and the "tabulators" were J. Boswell & R. Ruby) which resulted in \$51.40 (commission) being added to our treasury.

XII-Meeting adjourned at approx. 1:40pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

James M. Boswell, Secretary  
MD TAMS



# Proof at Last

## Ahern & Broadbent

### Civil War Token

By Jane Sears

For over 25 years Russ and I have always thought that the Ahern and Broadbent token was of the Civil War era. While doing my genealogy research on a new website, I came across the proof we needed.

The token was listed for the Maryland Token And Medal Society in "Maryland Merchant Tokens" by David E. Schenkman. Below is the listing as it appears in the book.

W. S. Ahern & J. F. Broadbent (page 8)

**A10** obv: W. S. AHERN & J. F. BROADBENT. / (*star*) / OYSTER / & FRUIT /  
PACKERS /

(*star*)

rev: (wreath)

brass, 21 mm, (round)

Value F : (\$10.00 to \$15.00)

(*italic: author note*)



Obverse



Reverse

Photos shown at 200%

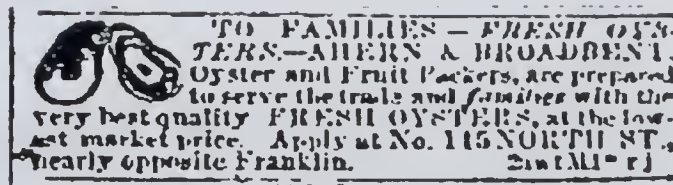
Joseph F. Broadbent was listed as an oyster and fruit packer at 145 North St. in 1864.

The following year he was listed as a coffee and spice dealer at 57 N. Calvert St.

W. S. Ahern was listed as an oyster and fruit packer on Jackson St. in 1865. No listing has been found to indicate when these merchants were in business together.

# UNTIL NOW !

ADVERTISEMENT - In the SUN (Baltimore) newspaper advertisement section of the February 26, 1864 issue is the following ad.



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TO FAMILIES - FRESH OYSTERS - AHERN & BROADBENT  
Oyster and Fruit Packers, are prepared to serve the trade and *families* with the very best quality FRESH OYSTERS, at the lowest market price. Apply at No. 115 NORTH ST., nearly opposite Franklin.

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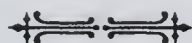
In our country's crisis of sorrow and needs, two young gentlemen ventured into oyster packing, an enterprise that was relatively new to our country. It was just started in Baltimore in 1826 by Thomas Kensett.

## Canning Timeline up to the Civil War:

- 1795 The French government offered a price of 12,000 francs to anyone who could invent or come up with a method of preserving food for an extended period of time.
- 1809 Nicolas Appert won the French prize. He was called the "Father of Canning".
- 1810 Appert's "Book for all Households" on canning was published in France.  
Peter Durand, a British merchant, was granted a patent by King George III for his use of tin-plated iron cans as a food container.
- 1812 Thomas Kensett Sr. brought canning ideas with him from England when he immigrated to America.  
He set up a small plant on the New York waterfront to can oysters, meats, fruits and vegetables.  
He used glass jars at first but they were expensive, break-able and difficult to pack.
- 1818 Peter Durand introduces the plated tin can to America.
- 1821 William Underwood opened a cannery in Boston, Massachusetts.
- 1825 Ezra Daggett and nephew Thomas Kensett received a patent from President Monroe for food storage in tin cans.
- 1826 Thomas Kensett began canning oysters in Baltimore setting up a small cannery for oysters and vegetables at the foot of Federal Hill in Baltimore.
- 1832 Maryland Legislation prohibited oyster dredging.
- 1839 Underwood and Kensett adopted a tin-plated can to replace their glass container.  
Isaac Winslow of Maine began experiments in canning corn.
- 1847 Allen Taylor patented a machine stamped tin can with extension edges.
- 1840 Canning of salmon and lobster began in Maine and Newfoundland.
- 1847 Allen Taylor patented a machine stamped tin can with extension edges.
- 1849 William Numsen & Son of Baltimore adopted the "combination die" for can making.  
Canned foods were carried by the miners of the 1849 Gold Rush and packed in wagons by pioneers opening up new territories in the west.

- 1851 Louis McMurray of Maryland introduced "hermetically" seal in canning Maryland oysters and fruits.  
 1852 Baltimore and Ohio Railroad reaches Ohio River, expanding the oyster market to Western states.  
 Northern oyster packers opened plants in Baltimore.  
 1856 Gail Borden patented condensed milk.  
 1858 Ezra J. Warner (of Waterbury, Connecticut) patents the first can opener.  
 John Landis Mason developed and patented a shoulder-seal jar with a zinc screw cap for home canning.  
 1860 Louis Pasteur invented pasteurization.  
 1861 Gilbert C. Van Camp opened a cannery for fruits and vegetables in Indianapolis.  
 1862 Winslow was granted a patent on canning corn.

The Civil War soldiers, especially those in the north, relied on canned rations.



Below are Baltimore Directory and Census listings for both gentlemen showing them with their families and their occupation and residence. Note: Information for the directory listings were usually obtained from 6 months to one year before publishing (which caused sometimes people not to be listed)

**William Slater Ahern** was born about 1842 in Maryland and died in Chicago on April 16, 1882 at the age of 41 years. His father John Ahern was the owner of Cecilia Furnace, (a brick Manufacturer), whose yards were at Canton.

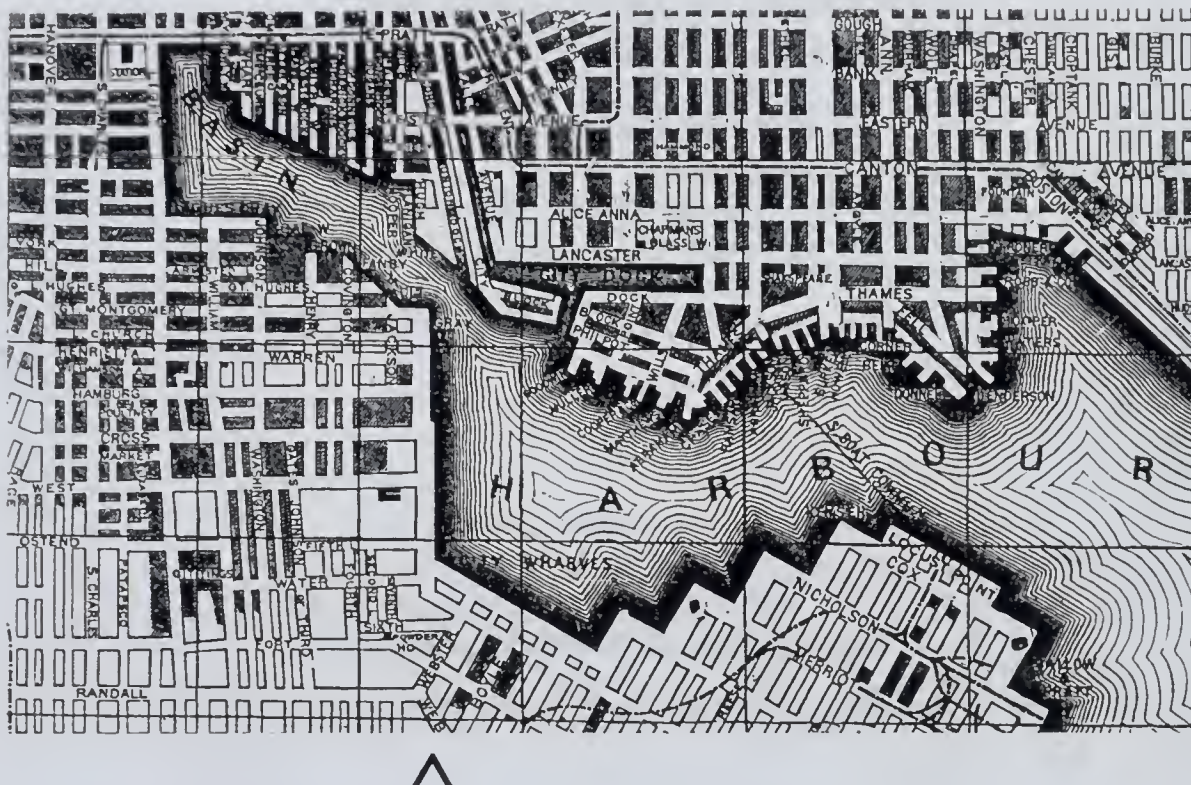
**Baltimore Directories:** for William Ahern

|         |  |                               |                         |
|---------|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1849-50 | Ahern John   | brick maker                   | 216 e. Baltimore St.    |
|         | Under section: <b>Iron Furnace</b>                         |                               |                         |
|         | Ahern, John,   | Canton                        |                         |
| 1860    | Ahern Wm   | clerk                         | 253 n. Eutaw            |
|         | John   | pro. Cecilia Furnace          | dw. 253 n. Eutaw        |
|         |  | Canton                        |                         |
| 1864    | Ahern John   | propr. Cecilia Furnace        | Canton, dw 253 n. Eutaw |
|         | John   | brick manuf.                  | dw. 253 n. Eutaw        |
| 1865-66 | Ahern Wm. S.   | oyster & fruit packer         | dw. 253 n. Eutaw        |
|         |  | Jackson, F. H. (Federal Hill) |                         |
|         | Under section: <b>Pickling and Preserving</b>              |                               |                         |
|         | Ahern, Wm. S., Jackson F.H. (Federal Hill)                 |                               |                         |
|         | Under section: <b>Oyster dealer</b>                        |                               |                         |
|         | Ahern, Wm. S., Jackson F.H. (Federal Hill)                 |                               |                         |
|         | Under section: <b>Hermetically Sealed Fruits &amp; c.,</b> |                               |                         |
|         | Ahern, Wm. S., Jackson F.H. (Federal Hill)                 |                               |                         |
| 1867-68 | Ahern John   | Brick mfg.                    | dw. 253 n. Eutaw        |
|         |  | Yards Canton                  |                         |
|         | no William   |                               |                         |
| 1871    | Ahern John   | brick mfg.                    | dw. 253 n. Eutaw        |
|         |  | yards, Canton                 |                         |
|         | Wm. S.   | clerk                         | 253 n. Eutaw            |
| 1876    | Ahern John   | brick mfg.                    | dw. 773 Madison av      |
|         |  | yard Canton                   |                         |
|         | no Wm. S.  |                               |                         |



## Maryland Census for William S. Ahern

|         |          |           |         |                    |          |
|---------|----------|-----------|---------|--------------------|----------|
| 1870    | Maryland | Baltimore | ward 11 | July 26, 1870      |          |
| John    | Ahern    | head      | 50      | Brick manufacturer | Virginia |
| Anna    |          | wife      | 50      |                    | Maryland |
| William |          | son       | 28      | Brick manufacturer | Maryland |
| Frank   |          | son       | 26      |                    | Maryland |
| Minnie  |          | dau.      | 16      |                    | Maryland |
| Anna    |          | dau.      | 22      |                    | Maryland |



An 1857 map of Baltimore harbor showing Jackson Street F.H. (Federal Hill).  
Jackson Street is South from West Street and East of Covington.



**Joseph Ferdinard Broadbent** was born about 1840 in Maryland and died November 16, 1897 in Baltimore. He is buried at Greenmount Cemetery in Baltimore. His father was Stephen Broadbent, a Delaware lottery agent.

### Baltimore Directories: for Joseph F. Broadbent

|         |                     |   |                           |
|---------|---------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 1849-50 | Broadbent Stephen   | broker  | dw. 44 n. Front           |
| 1855-56 | Broadbent Stephen   | note, bill & species  | h. 37 n. Gay              |
|         |                     | broker, office - 17 w. Fayette  |                           |
| 1860    | Broadbent Joseph F. | lottery office cor Baltimore & Centre Market Space, & sw cor Fayette and North. | dw. Glen Mary, Balto. Co. |

#### Under section: *Lottery and Exchange offices*

|      |                     |  |  |
|------|---------------------|--|--|
|      | Broadbent Joseph F. | cor Baltimore and Centre marketspace and sw cor Fayette and North (France & Broadbent Co.) managers Delaware lotteries |  |
|      | Stephen sr.         | 11 North (Richard France) dw. Glen Mary, Balto. Co.  |  |
| 1864 | Broadbent Joseph F. | oyster and fruit packer and coffee dealer  |  |
|      |                     | 145 North dw. 44 Monument  |  |

|         |  |                     |
|---------|--|---------------------|
| 1865-66 | Broadbent J.F. & Co. (J. F. Broadbent)   |                     |
|         | French Spice Mills, manufacturer & dealer in Coffee, Crude & Ground Spices, Mustards, Sauces, Cream Tartar, & c.; also, Agent for Prof. Hall's celebrated London Yeast or Baking Powder. |                     |
|         | 57 n. Calvert  | res. 62 w. Madison  |
| 1871    | Broadbent JF   | 236 Linden av       |
|         | Stephen sr   | 51 Courtland        |
| 1876    | Broadbent JF   | 96 n Carey          |
|         | Stephen sr   | 163 n Calvert       |
| 1877-78 | Broadbent JF   | 163 n Carrollton av |
|         | Stephen sr   | 163 n Calvert       |
| 1886    | Broadbent JF   | 155 Argyle av       |

### Baltimore Census: for Joseph F. Broadbent

|                   |          |                   |          |              |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|--------------|
| 1850 Maryland     | 9th ward | November 21, 1850 |          |              |
| Stephen Broadbent | head     | 39                | Merchant | England      |
| Mary E.           | wife     | 35                |          | Pennsylvania |
| John S.           | son      | 17                | clerk    | Kentucky     |
| Stephen           | son      | 15                | clerk    | Maryland     |
| <b>Ferdinand</b>  | son      | 11                |          | Maryland     |
| Mary E.           | dau.     | 9                 |          | Maryland     |
| Lewis R.          | son      | 7                 |          | Maryland     |
| Charles J.        | son      | 1                 |          | Maryland     |

|                   |              |           |                 |              |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1860 Maryland     | 9th District | Balto Co. | P.O. Towsontown | July 2, 1860 |
| Stephen Broadbent | head         | 48        | Lottery Dealer  | England      |
|                   |              |           | 200,000/600,000 |              |
| Mary E.           | wife         | 45        |                 | Pennsylvania |
| John S.           | son          | 26        |                 | Kentucky     |
| Stephen           | son          | 24        |                 | Maryland     |
| <b>Joseph</b>     | son          | 20        |                 | Maryland     |
| Mary E.           | dau.         | 18        |                 | Maryland     |
| Lewis R.          | son          | 16        |                 | Maryland     |
| Charles F.        | son          | 10        |                 | Maryland     |
| Adele             | dau.         | 8         |                 | Maryland     |
| Virginia          | dau.         | 5         |                 | Maryland     |
| Bernard           | son          | 2         |                 | Maryland     |

|                   |           |         |                    |          |
|-------------------|-----------|---------|--------------------|----------|
| 1870 Maryland     | Baltimore | ward 12 | September 20, 1870 |          |
| Jos. F. Broadbent | head      | 30      | general broker     | Maryland |
| Jane              | wife      | 28      |                    | Maryland |
| Stephen           | son       | 6       |                    | Maryland |
| Allen L.          | son       | 5       |                    | Maryland |
| Emma              | dau.      | 2       |                    | Maryland |
| Joseph F. jr      | son       | 1       |                    | Maryland |

|                  |           |         |               |               |     |    |
|------------------|-----------|---------|---------------|---------------|-----|----|
| 1880 Maryland    | Baltimore | ward 20 | June 4, 1880  | 185 Argyle Av |     |    |
| Joseph Broadbent | head      | 40      | oyster packer | MD            | ENG | PA |
| Jane             | wife      | 35      |               | MD            | MD  | MD |
| Steven D.        | son       | 15      |               | MD            | MD  | MD |
| Adam             | son       | 14      |               | MD            | MD  | MD |
| Emma             | dau.      | 12      |               | MD            | MD  | MD |
| Joseph           | son       | 11      |               | MD            | MD  | MD |
| Mary E.          | dau.      | 7       |               | MD            | MD  | MD |

Before the February ad, they may have operated but never advertise.  
This partnership was short lived. It finally came to an end by way of this advertisement.  
From the May 19, 1864 issue of The Sun (Baltimore) newspaper.

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**NOTICE.**

The undersigned (having to devote his entire attention to the manufacture of the *French Coffee* and other goods) has this day sold all his interest in  
*The Firm of "Ahern & Broadbent,"*

in the  
**OYSTER AND FRUIT PACKING BUSINESS**

to  
**W. S. AHERN,**  
and the said firm has been dissolved.

**W. S. AHERN**  
Will carry on that business on his own account,  
and is alone authorized to use the name and  
settle up the business of the late firm.

**J. F. BROADBENT,**

**BALTIMORE, May 19, 1864.**

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**BALTIMORE, May 19, 1864.**

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These gentlemen continued on with their lives with other ventures. The tokens show wear, so they were definitely used.





## ELSNER FAMILY CANNERS

By Bernie Bodt R - 282

**John Elsner** (1836–1907) immigrated to the United States from Germany, first settling in Cincinnati, Ohio. About 1871 he moved to Maryland locating in Carsins Run, Harford County, Maryland. He is listed as a canner in the 1889 edition of *The Trade Directory of Canned Goods Packers of North America*. Following his death, two of John's sons (George W. and Harry W.) entered the canning business in Harford County. Although they were brothers, they operated independently.

**George William Elsner** (1865-1920) canned tomatoes in Carsins Run, Harford County, Maryland from 1911 to 1916 and in Churchville, Harford County, Maryland from 1917 to 1920. It is unclear whether he actually moved his operations, or was it just a change in the reported address, since Carsins Run and Churchville are only 3 miles apart.

**Harry William Elsner** (1872-1936) canned tomatoes in Belcamp, Harford County, Maryland from 1909 to 1919. Following a fire which destroyed his factory in 1919, he relocated his operations to Webster (near Havre de Grace) Maryland, where he continued to can through the 1935 season.

**Augusta C. Elsner** (1879 –1966), the wife of Harry, took over the operation of his canning business after his death and continued to can until 1950. She canned tomatoes under contract to the American Stores Co. in Philadelphia, PA. Also, she canned her own brand of string beans under the brand name FAIR HILL. It is interesting to note the brand name was taken from the name of her deceased father-in-law John Elsner's farm in Carsins Run. Below is a copy of the FAIR HILL label.



According to the her grandson, tokens with initials H.W.E. were used by Augusta until she ceased operations in 1950. Much of the plant equipment (retorts, bean snippers, and bean cutters) from Augusta's cannery is now on permanent display at the Steppingstone Farm Museum in Havre de Grace, MD.

Tokens attributed to **John Elsner** are:

- 1) J. E / 4 (incuse)  
3  
brass, 19mm (plain rim)
- 2) J. E / 4 (incuse)  
3  
brass, 21mm (beaded rim)
- 3) J. E / 100 (incuse)  
(blank)  
brass, 21mm (fiber rim)



Tokens attributed to **George W. Elsner** are:

- 4) G W E / 4 (incuse)  
(blank)  
brass, 20mm
- 5) G W E / 2.00 (incuse)  
(blank)  
brass, octagon, 32mm



Tokens attributed to **Harry W. Elsner** are:

- 6) H. W. E. / 1 BKT (incuse)  
(blank)  
aluminum, 22mm
- 7) H W E / 4 (incuse)  
(blank)  
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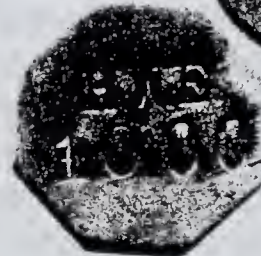
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12) H. W. E. / 10.00 (incuse)  
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aluminum, octagon, 32mm





## THE GLEN BURNIE CENTENNIAL -- ED CRAIG

On a recent trip to a local flea market I came across and purchased a book entitled "Glen Burnie Centennial - Year in Review". As I like local, Maryland history, this was of great interest to me and a "real deal" for one dollar. The Glen Burnie Centennial year was 1988 as Glen Burnie was founded in 1888. During the centennial year, there were numerous activities held to celebrate the occasion. There was a Centennial parade, a Family Fun Fest, a 10K race, a golf tournament, an Ecumenical Prayer Breakfast, a Presidential Ball, a balloon ascension, an Art's festival, a Bike Rodeo, a Centennial Time Capsule, an Archeological Dig, a Classic Mustang Car Show, a Grand Centennial Ball, and many more events throughout the year.

Maybe you are saying to yourself that this is a Maryland Token and Medal Society Journal article and none of this has anything to do with our hobby. It may or may not be interesting local history, but .... One Centennial activity is directly related to our hobby. A Mr. Jack Armstrong designed a medal for the Centennial. I have only seen the obverse of the medal as it is pictured as art work both on the cover of the book and inside. One cannot see the reverse nor is there any mention of its design; therefore, it may be the same as the obverse or it may be blank. The book describes the medal this way: "THEME: Glen Burnie, Past, Present- Future. Depicted with the CURTIS CREEK FURNACE (30' stack and millway), the GLEN BURNIE CARNIVAL FERRIS WHEEL, a tradition, and a portion of the futuristic SUPER BLOCK. THE DESIGN: Two raised outer edges, one on either side of the lettering. The inside "wall" of each to be beveled towards the raised lettering. The inside "wall" of each to be beveled towards the raised lettering. The center, focal point illustrations and numerals also are to be raised. (The thin "holding" lines indicate the overall relief pattern)." As you will see below, the medal reads:

### GLEN BURNIE, MARYLAND/1888/1988/CENTENNIAL

The medal design does show the furnace, ferris wheel and future building design as noted in the above book reference. There is no mention as to the Medallion's metal composition and as I have not seen a real specimen, it would only be conjecture as to the metal type. As many of you are aware, the Glen Burnie Camival has produced several aluminum medals to commemorate their yearly celebration. Previous issues of our Journal have discussed these. It may be of interest to note that the Glen Burnie Camival began in 1908. That means that this year (2008) will be the centennial of the carnival. Will there be a special medal done to commemorate this milestone? I do not know but I sure hope so. This year, Glen Burnie will also reach its 120th anniversary.

My new book find also has another connection to the Maryland Token and Medal Society. Mr. William Kuethe, a long-time Maryland Token and Medal Society member was a 1988 officer of the Glen Burnie Improvement Association and a representative of the Glen Burnie Camival and is pictured in the book in both of those capacities. I also found that the book contains a picture of a friend of mine attending the Grand Centennial Ball. Certainly this book purchase was a dollar well spent for me. I wanted to share some of this with my fellow Maryland Token and Medal Society members.



## Mary Rogers and the Missing \$35.00

BY: W. WALLACE STONE R-47

We need the help from the following people listed below

Sherlock Holmes, Hercule Poirot

Miss Marple, Philip Marlow

Charlie Chan, Perry Mason

Lord Peter Wimsey, Sam Spade

Mike Hammer, James Bond

Nero Wolf. In an effort to determine what happened to the bottom line on this 1875 promissory note issued in Baltimore, Md. between Mary Rogers and the borrower. Mary had loaned \$98.00 on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 1875 to John Shauck and witnessed by Abraham Oeligrath, a Justice of the Peace in Baltimore County.

On the reverse side of the note and the attached glued legal oath document signed by the Justice of the Peace, there are nine entries in hand written script noting the dates and the amount paid for each installment. The nine payments are listed thusly.

Interest paid up to July 2, 1876

Interest paid up to July 2, 1877

Interest paid up to July 2, 1878

Received \$10.00 May 31, 1878

Received \$10.00 June 29, 1878

Received \$10.00 Jany 18, 1879

Received \$8.00 Dec. 20, 1879

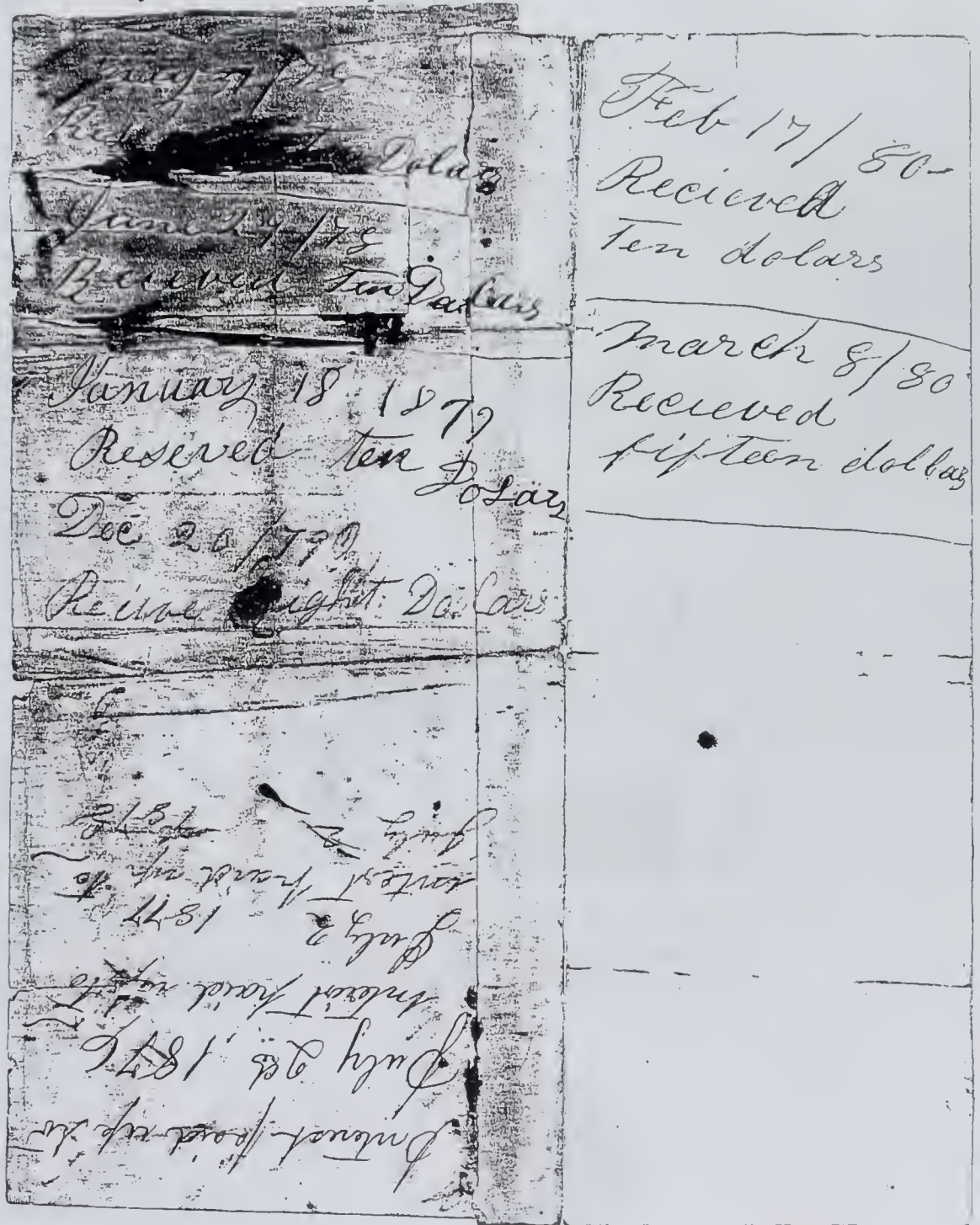
Received \$10.00 Feb. 17, 1880

Received \$15.00 March 8, 1880

The total payments add up to the sum of \$63.00 dollars, however the three payments of interest only, made on the second of July in 1876-1877, and 1878 are not specified as to the percentage rate, nor how much was paid. Both lender and borrower would have known what the rate was established for this loan. We don't.....this figure can only be guessed at today. What ever happened to the remaining \$35.00 balance due on the loan? Did Mary die, did Mr. Oeligrath move away? Was the loan paid off but not recorded, or could the three interest payments have included

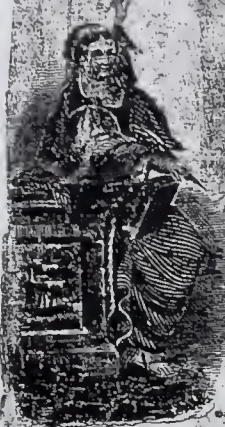


payment on the principal ? With the information supplied on the note itself it seems unlikely that we will be able to solve the mystery of Mary Rogers money. Just think, what if Mary had asked the bank clerk for a nice new roll of pennies the day she made the deposit in 1877 !



Reverse side including the nine payments.  
The three interest payments are recorded  
upside down.





**BALTIMORE, October 28 1875**

Six month after date

to pay to the order of *Mary J. Rogers*

100 Dollars

*Ninty eight Dollars*

Value received

No. \_\_\_\_\_ Due \_\_\_\_\_

*W. J. Shank*

**State of Maryland, -- Baltimore County, ss.**

On the *twelff* day of *January* e een hundred and seventy before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace, in and said County, personally appears *Mary J. Rogers* and makes oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that the annexed *Note* is just and true; and that he hath not directly or indirectly received to his knowledge any part or parcel of the *principal and interest* charged as due by such account, or any security or satisfaction for the same. Sworn before

*Abraham Celizath*  
Justice of the Peace.

Obverse side of the 1875 Promissory Note.

## HARFORD CANNERS: R. F. & G. H. MITCHELL

By Bernie Bodt R-282

The winter 2007 TAMS Journal contained an article on Daniel E. Mitchell, who canned on Spesutia Island in Harford County. His sons **Robert Franklin Mitchell** (1873-1955) and **George Hayes Mitchell** (1874-1944) continued the business after the death of their father in 1897. They operated from their ancestral home (Shandy Hall) until 1917 when the U. S. Government took their land for Aberdeen Proving Ground. They moved their homes and cannery to Aberdeen where they continued to farm and can until 1935. At that time Robert retired from canning and George formed a partnership with Malcolm W. Mitchell (1882-1947), a distant relative. This partnership lasted until the death of George in 1944. The photo below taken about 1940 shows George (left) and Malcolm (right) at their cannery in Aberdeen.



The only known token variety attributed to Robert F. and George H. is shown below. Several of these tokens were found in the carriage house located behind George H. Mitchell's former residence in Aberdeen.

R. F. & G. H. M. / 50  
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brass, clover, 28mm





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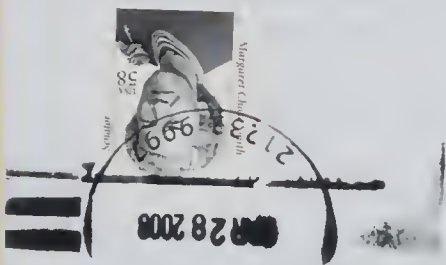
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